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Dubuque Delegation Visiting China in May

DUBUQUE, Iowa — A Dubuque delegation will visit China next month to continue a dialogue with Handan, Dubuque’s sister city, on educational exchanges and economic development opportunities.

Dubuque Mayor Roy D. Buol will lead the delegation to Handan, located in Hebei province in northeast China, from May 22-31. Handan delegations visited Dubuque twice in 2013 during the Iowa Governor’s 30th anniversary sister city festivities. This will be Dubuque’s first mayoral visit to Handan since Mayor Duggan went in 1995.

“Governor Branstad’s relationship with leadership in China is helping to take our sister city relationship with Handan to a higher level,” said Buol. “We believe there are opportunities for both Dubuque and Handan to benefit economically and culturally from our relationship.”

The delegation will include Mayor Buol, Northeast Iowa Community College (NICC) President Dr. Liang Chee Wee, President of NICC, NICC Provost Dr. Jeffrey Armstrong, Greater Dubuque Development Corporation President Rick Dickinson, President of Greater Dubuque Development, DDI Inc. President J.B. Priest, and Dubuque Sister City Relationships Advisory Commission Chairperson Dick Landis.

“A variety of Dubuque businesses have international connections, including several with strong ties to China. Greater Dubuque’s mission includes supporting our existing businesses and attracting new businesses and we believe this exchange offers opportunities to do both,” said Dickinson. “We hope this dialogue will convert Chinese consumers into Dubuque customers and introduce additional Chinese students to higher education opportunities in the Greater Dubuque area.”

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